

BOOK REVIEWS.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY. 1883. 8vo.

This is an admirably printed volume of 398 pages, containing the minutes of the meeting, addresses, essays, and reports of the district societies. In the minutes we find that:

“Dr. E. M. Hunt introduced the following:

“WHEREAS, The American Medical Association has, at its late meeting, made new requisitions of delegates before their names were allowed to be enrolled;

“Resolved, That in nominating delegates to that body, the nominating committee be requested to confer with our Committee on Ethics, and, if they think necessary, with this Society, as to the propriety of this course, and what action needs to be taken in reference thereto.

“After considerable discussion, the vote on the motion on the adoption of the resolution was taken by the raising of hands, with the following result: Ten in favor and thirty-two against. The motion was declared lost.”

The Committee on the Curriculum of Medical Study made an important report, but there is no record on the minutes as to how it was received. It was recommended that a board of examiners be appointed, to pass upon the credentials of all persons contemplating the study of medicine in the State, and to examine such persons as fail to present a diploma from some respectable college or university, or a certificate of a completed course in a reputable academy or high school where certain (specified) branches are taught. That this be done by the State Medical Society, and that it require the district medical societies to make it a condition of membership that every physician belonging to or coming into them obligate himself to receive no person under his care as a student of medicine without the certificate of the board of examiners. That the medical societies of the several States be requested to actively cooperate, and that the National Medical Association be requested to signify its approval, and to use its influence to secure the general adoption of such measures.

The address by the President, Dr. John W. Snowden, takes for its theme: “The Advances Made in Medicine by Physical Diagnosis.” Dr. Joseph Parrish has an essay on “Insanity and Its Problems,” and Dr. George Bayles one on “Causes of Melancholia.” Dr. Charles J. Kipp writes on “The Management of Cases of Iritis,” and Dr. David Warman on “Professional Fees and Professional Honor;” while Dr. Stephen Wickes, in 124 pages, has an exhaustive article on “Sepulture; Its Methods and Requisites.” This article forms a book in itself, and is provided with an admirable index. The report of the Standing Committee gives reports from all but two of the district societies, and these reports give the details of much valuable clinical material, to which is added the obituaries of thirteen deceased members.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE MINNESOTA STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY, 1883.—These Transactions come to us with a very satisfactory muslin-backed pasteboard cover—inexpensive, substantial, and quite sufficient for the purpose. If other societies could only be induced to follow this example, some of their volumes of proceedings would more easily find a place on library shelves. Among the valuable and interesting reports, the one on Practical Medicine discusses diphtheria from various standpoints, giving the special features of individual epidemics as elicited by correspondence from different parts of the State, and includes an account of an advanced case of cerebral softening where the patient had become almost a perfect automaton. The report of the Committee on Surgery gives, among other interesting cases, an admirable lithograph, with details of a case of pistol-shot through the stomach and kidney, with recovery. This report also includes two successful cases of ovariectomy. In the report on Medical Education is given the curriculum of the College of Medicine of the University of Minnesota, and we note that one chair teaches astronomy and physiology, which illustrates probably the printer's idea of the teacher's duties, rather than that of the incumbent. Some of us know how it is ourselves, with respect to printers' ideas. The Necrology embraces four obituaries, and the whole report is so full of interesting clinical details that it would be difficult, without consuming too much space, to give a more extended reference to it.

MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL TRANSACTIONS. Published by the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society of London. Volumes LXV, LXVI.

Few of our Society Transactions can equal these volumes in their printing, binding, illustrations and general execution. They are filled with valuable material from the most prominent medical men of Great Britain, and the coloring of the illustrations is ahead of anything we have yet attempted. To be sure, the membership comprises over 600 names. The articles are comparatively short, but embrace a wide range of subjects. The cases detailed in Vol. LXV have for the most part already appeared in the current medical literature, but are here given more *in extenso*, with pertinent discussion. We find here Jonathan Hutchinson's two cases, with an illustration, of *vaccinia gangrenosa* and *vaccinia gangrenosa*; John H. Morgan's two cases of congenital macrostoma, with an illustration; H. Langley Browne's successful case of simultaneous ligation of the carotid and subclavian arteries for innominate aneurism; Spencer Wells' complete excision of the gravid uterus at the sixth month, with epithelioma of the cervix; Reginald Harrison's enucleation of a tumor of the prostate; Berkeley Hill's removal of a fibrous polypus of the bladder, and three cases of tumor arising from skin-glands in the dog, by Dr. Charles Creighton. T. M. Girdlestone recommends highly the long, even tendon from the tail of the kangaroo as having all the valuable properties of the catgut ligature, without any of the defects. Francis Henry Champneys has a third communication on artificial respiration in